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Weather Indications.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—For Kansas: Generally fair; southerly winds becoming variable.

COXEY is more interested now in good roads than ever before, for he wants to get back home.

GOVERNOR LEWELLING appeared to be a great deal happier than if the cup had passed from him.

The labor unions think they can bankrupt Pullman, but they don't dare tackle the porters.

HYPOCHONDRIACS should be very grateful to the Chinese, for a brand new disease has started in that country.

MR. HAMLIN GARLAND will be forgiven by most people for preferring to be known as a novelist than a politician.

Dr. Cleveland's doctor had demanded rest for him two years ago, the country would have much for which to be thankful.

THE anti-administration Populists cut about as little figure in the convention as a conscientious man in the United States senate.

FURTHER changes in the tariff bill are contemplated says a dispatch, so it seems that there remain a few industries that haven't been protected.

THE Prohibitionists and Populists have both endorsed woman suffrage, and both have a ticket in the field. Now what will the women do?

THE fact that the thermometers only marked 87 yesterday is apt to destroy forever any confidence that may have hitherto been placed in their reliability.

FARMER FUNSTON says the Olathe convention was adjourned to July 10, in order to hear from the people. This is a strange and unusual political proceeding.

THE Khedive of Egypt with fifty members of his body guard is having a picnic in the desert. There is no lack of regular picnic provisions because of the sand-which-is there.

THE most enjoyable thing in the Populist convention just ended, is that the politicians of that party were effectually squelched by the insertion of the woman suffrage plank.

It is a hopeful sign at least that after speaking for four hours Senator Quay was exhausted. There being a limit to physical endurance this session of congress may yet end.

WICHITA Eagle: Winner and McNutt, just released from the penitentiary after twenty years, can proudly boast that they are the only Wichita men who were not caught in the boom.

THE most suitable Democratic candidate for president is a young man in Bloomington, Ill., who wears a 10½ collar and weighs 432 pounds, but unfortunately he is only 25 years old.

THE Minnesota hailstorm seems to have been nothing at all, for although all the crops in its wake were destroyed, nothing was said about the hailstones being as large as baseballs or hens' eggs.

NOW THAT he was left off the ticket, Secretary of State Osborn will probably believe more than ever in the general residence burning and flame shooting that he says is going to follow this fall's election.

MR. HAVEMEYER didn't bribe any of the senators, he only asked for "proper protection" and Senators Gorman and Smith promised to help him. It would be better for Mr. Havemeyer's cause if he didn't have Mr. Gorman for a friend.

KANSAS CITY Journal: John P. St. John declares emphatically that he will have nothing to do with a party headed by such a man as Lewelling. This is entirely creditable to St. John, and it is by no means a bad card for Lewelling.

THE senate investigating committee decided that the amount the sugar trust contributed to the campaign fund was no part of the investigation which goes to show that you can drive a committee to investigation but you can't make it investigate.

MEDICAL LAWS.

TOPEKA, KAN., June 4, 1894.

Some three or four months ago there began to appear in the papers of the state, articles about the suppression of quacks or quack doctors. The theory advanced was that all who had not been through a regular course in a medical college, and secured a license, was a quack.

Now, I venture to say, there are more quacks in the city of Topeka, and I presume it would hold good throughout the state, who have received diplomas from medical colleges than there are of those who are practicing medicine with a license. Every sensible man will agree that this is true and inevitable.

Medical colleges are grinding out doctors in the United States by the thousands each year, Topeka alone supplying forty-three, I believe. All physicians of good standing, of whatever school of medicine, will concede that the chief practical knowledge they possess has come to them outside of the medical school. They have obtained it by experience in actual life. They began really to learn after passing their examination, and became settled in life. They only learned at college how to study medicine.

Now, if without these preliminary studies in a college, there is a person who has the gift of healing, who knows how to study a book and how to inform himself about medical matters, why should he be compelled to go through a medical college and spend three or four years of his life, and a large amount of money, in such useless preparation?

As an eminent physician has said, it is by no means always the man of science who makes the discovery; on the contrary, the most important discoveries have been made by laymen. Cures have been effected through water and by the power of sunlight.

A physician gains practice and experience of the business in proportion as he shows that he can do something. Sick people do not care for certificates or to be told whether he has graduated from one medical school or another, or none at all. What they want is to be cured, and if he cures them he has their confidence, and they will have him and no other, and will recommend him to all persons of their acquaintance. In that way only, an unusual man, who has not been one of these graduates of the medical college establish himself in a lucrative practice. If this is the case, as it surely is, it is absurd to them that the persons of the so-called irregular can or will bring harm to the public, or that the public will give them preference.

Another eminent physician says there is no real danger from unlicensed irregular practitioners that calls for public interference. It is one of the fundamental principles of American citizenship that people should be treated as responsible beings, and capable of looking out for themselves in this matter as well as in others. Until the contrary is proven, it is a fundamental principle of American citizenship that the right of taking care of one's self shall not be interfered with, unless the public or general good is threatened. Even if the state could save an individual's life by interfering, it has no business to do so unless the health of somebody else is endangered beyond that individual's personality. Everyone has the right to do as he pleases in every department of thought, and conduct, until the time comes when the existence of this right encroaches on the equal right of some other person. This is the fundamental principle on which our institutions rest.

If certain principles as to the diagnosis or treatment of disease were laid down by regulars, and rigidly enforced, so that they would work every time, the proposed medical law might, with some show of reason, be endorsed. But such is not the case. Every doctor knows, and so does every educated citizen, that the old theory of "curing" disease by the administration of medicine is, nine times out of ten, the veriest nonsense in the world. Indeed, it was Dr. O. W. Holmes who said if all the medicine in the world was thrown into the sea it would be so much the better for men, and so much the worse for the fishes. He meant, of course, that the doses of medicine that are given are the very smallest part of the matter of healing the person who is ill.

If the regulars admit that they do not possess any such settled system, that what right have they to ask that this form of a system be established, and that nothing else be allowed in the way of medical practice throughout the state.

Dr. H. L. Bowker, a celebrated chemist in Boston, says that any permission or prohibition of practicing medicine is alike unconstitutional. It was so decided by the supreme court of New Hampshire. If a person is injured by any one practicing medicine, he has a remedy in the law. No law can prohibit any one from choosing his trade or profession, and to do so is class legislation, pure and simple.

The state board of health claim that the act which they have prepared and presented at the next legislature for its adoption, was considered and agreed upon by every school of medicine in existence. This is not true.

There are in the city of Topeka, it is said, 120 doctors; that is, persons holding certificates from medical colleges. I presume that all of these 120 were represented by their committee in preparing the law, which is to be presented to the legislature, but besides these there were at least twenty other physicians who were not represented. These are composed of scientists of different schools, magnetic healers, electro-homeopathic healers and others. I venture the assertion that these twenty of whom I speak have as large a practice as the average of the 120 who hold licenses, and cure as many people. In point of fact, it is well known that this class of physicians, to a great extent, are called upon by persons who have been given up by a regular physician, and very often succeed where the regulars have failed. I could state numerous instances in this city to show this, but will only state one:

Two prominent physicians of this city on consultation decided that a certain lady had an ovarian cyst, and that nothing would save her life but an operation with the knife. She concluded to try another healer who has not a license, and when she told her physicians this they said to her, "We will give you the treatment free," and made this remark: "If the healer to whom you propose to go saves your life, we regulars may as well pull out our shingles." The healer did cure her without any operation. This is only one of many cases in this city, cured by magnetic healers, scientists, and that class of physicians.

I make the assertion, and defy successful contradiction, that at least twenty-five per cent. of those who are treated for ailments in Topeka, of any kind, are to a greater or less extent, under the charge, at certain times, of physicians who have not received diplomas from colleges, and that at least ten per cent. treated, under no circumstances will have a physician called in to assist. Yet section ten of the act which the state board of health proposes to get into law says, "Any person shall be regarded as practicing medicine within the meaning of this act, who shall treat, operate on or prescribe for any physical ailment of another." Section 12 prescribes the penalty for violating the above clause as follows: "Any person practicing medicine or surgery in the state, without the certificate issued by this board in compliance with the provisions of this act, shall be fined not more than \$100 for the first offense, and \$200 for each subsequent offense. And another section provides that if not paid immediately the defendant will be committed to jail until paid.

It seems to me that no comment is necessary on this subject. Every one can read and understand the iniquity of it for himself.

The tendency of the times is to make official places with salaries attached. This is exemplified in a great many things, and in none more so than in the various acts and regulations, regarding the health of the state. Take, for instance: In this city, san-

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The Crawford county system gives each voter a chance to name the candidate for each place and have his vote counted just as he casts it.

The Australian system is also to be followed. Every man can get his ticket ready and put it in the box without being "bulldozed" or taking any part in trades which often entirely thwart the wishes of the voter under the delegate system.

The result should make a satisfactory ticket, as the candidates who get the most votes will be the ones to make it up. To secure a fair expression the Republicans have only to go to the polls and vote.

A WORKER.

R. B. Welch is what you would call "a worker." His most pronounced enemy cannot get him out of that classification. He is a "steam engine of energy" and push. He is criticized sometimes for being too much of a hustler. Some people are opposed to striking out from the shoulder as strong as Welch does at times.

We need a man of force, energy, ability and acquaintance in the legislature—a hustler—and Welch is that kind of a man, whatever else you may say of him.

CHASING A BURGLAR.

Hon. A. L. Williams runs One Out of His Residence.

Hon. A. L. Williams chased a burglar out of his residence at the corner of 13th and Fillmore between one and two o'clock this morning.

The burglar was discovered in the large library by Mr. Williams who sounded an alarm. The burglar who was a colored man left in haste via the front door. As he went out a cartridge from his revolver dropped on the porch and was picked up by Mr. Williams who although not a professional sprinter kept close up to the fleeing burglar for two blocks. It was only when the burglar turned and shouted back "If you don't stop I'll shoot you" as he flourished a revolver that Mr. Williams gave up the chase. Nothing is missed from the house and it is supposed the burglar was discovered as soon as he got in.

Two other attempted burglaries were reported to the police this morning from the western part of the city.

Chief Lindsey says he needs about three extra men to patrol that part of the city. He thinks if that were done there would be fewer burglaries in that district.

GOING NO DENVER.

Delegates From Topeka to the Republican League Convention.

There will be a good representation of Kansas Republicans at the National league convention at Denver, June 28. A \$15 rate has been granted from Kansas points. The delegates from Topeka are James A. Troutman, J. Ware Butterfield, Geo. W. Smith, F. P. Lindsey and C. E. Gault. There will be six delegates-at-large and four from each congressional district.

Edwin A. Austin for Probate Judge.

Edwin A. Austin, who has been announced as a candidate for the Republican nomination as probate judge of this county at the primaries next Saturday is a well known and successful lawyer of this city and well qualified in every respect for the position. The enviable position he has achieved in his profession and the esteem and respect of his many friends invite the confidence and support of all Republicans who desire the nomination of a ticket of best men. As assistant attorney general under Hon. W. A. Johnston and S. B. Bradford some years ago he made a very creditable record as an efficient, competent and faithful officer. This is his first aspiration for an elective office and his friends declare that the Republicans of this county by selecting him as their candidate for the office of probate judge will add strength to the county ticket.

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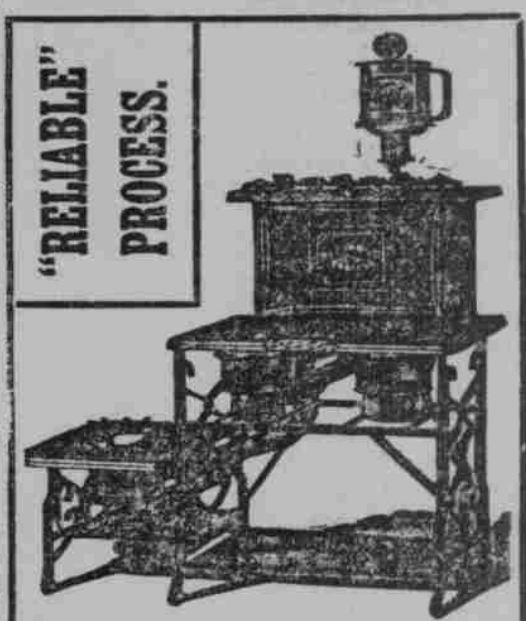
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